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Visiting Nurses See 240 Homes a Week

Caring for the sick in their homes . . . assisting families to adjust themselves when illness strikes . . . teaching infant care to young mothers. These are only some of the daily duties of a Visiting Nurse.

The Visiting Nurse Association, with a district branch office at 1841 Torrance Blvd., now serves Torrance and other Harbor Area residents.

It was last December that this branch office opened, which meant that the VNA then covered the entire 855-square mile area of the Los Angeles Area Community Chest.

The Harbor Area office follows the general VNA policy of providing care for the sick in the home.

There are six registered nurses working about 240 calls, of which a major portion are to help care for persons with diseases of the heart and circulatory system.

For a person to receive a call from a Visiting Nurse, he must be under the care of a licensed physician. The visiting nurse works with the doctor for the benefit of the patient.

But there is more to the duty of a Visiting Nurse than caring for the sick at home.

Help for Family The nurse will help teach the family how to care for the patient, supervise care and aid in prevention of disease through health, hygiene and sanitation education.

In many instances, too, the nurse represents a non-profit organization which charges patients a fee based upon the ability to pay. The VNA helps meet its resulting deficit by participating in the November Community Chest campaign.

Establishment of Harbor Area office of the Visiting Nurse Association came after months of study and several conferences between a special Harbor citizens' committee headed by Mrs. A. W. Warnock, the Harbor Area Community Chest Board, and the Visiting Nurse Association of Los Angeles and its board, headed by Mrs. Ralph B. Cousins.

The office is open from 8 to 4:30 on week days and persons wishing to inquire about the VNA can call FAirfax 8-7755 for information.



THERAPY AT HOME . . . Sewing has been only one of the many activities that Audre Laster has learned while at home on leave of absence from Douglas Aircraft Corp. Visiting Nurse checks in at the Laster home once a week to supervise Audre's care.



KEEPING HANDS AT WORK . . . Crocheting takes some of Audre Laster's time while her mother, Mrs. Helen Laster, gives some helpful tips. Audre, an arthritic patient, is only one of hundreds of Harbor Area residents served by the Visiting Nurse Assn.



APPEARANCE IMPORTANT . . . Her personal appearance gets Audre's attention while the Visiting Nurse assists and offers advice. Part of the VNA service is to keep patient morale high as an aid to recovery.



30 YEARS SERVICE . . . M/Sgt. Burdus Kelley, whose wife, Anne, lives at 3230 Dalemoad St., receives a certificate of retirement from the Army after 30 years service from Col. Harold C. Miller, chief of the aviation and meteorological department at the Army Electronic Proving Ground at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. He plans to live in Torrance and "take it easy for a while." An assistant in the operations section of the 505th Signal Group, he saw service in Korea and in Africa during World War II.

Books, Wash Mixed with Namesakes, Writer Finds

JACK WEBB MOVES TO TORRANCE

By Tom Rische Herald Staff Writer

Jack Webb has moved to Torrance, and already has gotten involved in a web—or Webb—of confusion which could furnish ideas for his mystery novels.

This Jack Webb is the guy who writes mystery stories, not the one who solves mysteries as Sgt. Joe Friday on "Dragnet."

Writer Webb, who recently moved here from Playa del Rey, has been chagrined in the past to learn that several reviewers of his books have gotten him mixed up with the famous TV character. With annoyance, he showed this reporter one review which carried the TV actor's picture and congratulated him on entering the writing field.

Laundry Mixed Up As if that weren't bad enough, when Webb moved to Torrance, he discovered that his laundry was mixed up with still another Jack Webb—nearby Torrance resident, and HERALD columnist. He is shuddering at the thought that someone has checked for his writings might go to the wrong Jack Webb.

For the record, writer Webb lives at 437 Calle Mayor, while the other Webb lives at 145 Calle de Andalucia.

The author of six books so far, Webb lives with his wife, Nell; son, Christopher; and poodle, Royal. Another little Webb is on the way, but if it's a boy, the Webbs don't plan to call him Jack.

Four of his mysteries are in the Father Shanley-Sammie Golden series involving a Catholic priest and Jewish detective who work jointly to clear up whodunits. Several more stories are on the way, with the newest, "The Broken Doll," scheduled for release in June.

The first in the series, "The Big Sin," has been sold to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for a movie, with Spencer Tracy scheduled for the lead. The movie firm also has options on several more Webb mysteries.

Several of the books have appeared in pocket editions as well as bound copies, and translation rights in Spanish, Italian, German, French, Swedish, and Danish also have been sold. Others in the series include "The Naked Angel" and "The Danes Levelly."

The stories arose in part from Webb's admiration for Catholic missionaries he met in China during World War II. A Protestant himself, he reads considerable Catholic literature in order to keep Father Shanley "thinking and acting right." His characters, he declared, aren't heroes, but they are "conglomerations of many people." His books don't require much research, he said, but the stories are told primarily for the amusement of the reader.

Not Preaching "I'm not trying to preach to anybody," he said. "If the reader gets two hours enjoyment from my books, that's all I'm trying to do."

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THE SUBJECT IS ANIMALS . . . Writer Jack Webb, and his poodle, Royal, discuss the plot of one of his mysteries, "Don't Feed the Animals." Webb is author of several mysteries, one of which is soon to be made into a movie. Together with his wife and son, Webb recently moved to Torrance, where he hopes to continue writing.

Theater Group To Give Funds To Youth Group

That the Lord helps him who helps himself is presently being demonstrated for the youth of this community by ACCENT: Theatre! of Torrance, new civic drama association, which oratorically will donate the second performance of its debut production, "Night of January 16th," to the Youth Coordinating Council. The Council is currently engaged in a fund-raising effort in order to build a recreation center for teenagers.

May 6 has been set aside as Accent: Youth night, and two hundred seats will be available in the YWCA, Carson and Plaza Del Amo, for the three-act courtroom drama. Tickets are being sold by young people under the direction of Larry Lippincott, president of the Council. Only royalties and rent will be paid by the youth group, as ACCENT: Theatre! members have voted to give their time and will also take care of any other expense incurred. Thus, the Council has an opportunity to make several hundred dollars. If students, parents, and club sponsors get behind their sales campaign, according to Lippincott.

Audience Picks Verdict

"Night of January 16th" is an exciting murder trial. At the two endings, members of the audience serve as jurors and provide a verdict at the close. Written by Ayn Rand, author of "The Fountainhead," the play enjoyed a successful Broadway run. It is being directed locally by Jack Hudson of the Torrance High School faculty and will feature local talent of varying theatrical experience.

Tickets for regular performances will be available at Parish's, Joyce's Sport Shop, and the YWCA.

Date For Art Class Told

The San Pedro Adult Education and the San Pedro Art Assn., have announced plans to form a new art class. The class will concern itself with the mechanics of water coloring.

A series of classes are planned; the first eight in water color, meeting every Monday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Wyn Jewers, San Pedro High School Art teacher, will direct the first of the series.

Beginning or advanced students who are unable to make the first meeting of this working water color group, are asked to contact Mrs. Jewers, TE 2-6733.

Interested persons are asked to meet today at 3:30 in the "San Pedro Art Gallery," located in the chamber of commerce building, 820 S. Beacon St.

The only requirement is the regular 25 cents enrollment fee in San Pedro Adult School.

Pedestrians Account for Fourth of Traffic Deaths

One out of four of California's traffic victims last year was walking. California Highway Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell cited this fact today after reviewing a Highway Patrol statistical survey which shows that 706 of the 3104 persons killed in the state last year were pedestrians.

"The report definitely indicates that many motorists are failing to accept their responsibility where pedestrian right of way is concerned," Caldwell declared.

"Almost thirty per cent of all pedestrian traffic victims were killed while crossing streets at corners with the green light in

Lumber Men Attend Meet

Eleven Torrance lumber dealers were scheduled to take part in the 88th annual Southern California Retail Lumber Assn. convention, to be held this week in the Ambassador Hotel.

They are Stanley Arthur, Arthur's Lumber and Building Materials, 20901 Hawthorne Ave.; H. Sillig, Torrance Lumber Co., 1752 Border Ave.; M. R. and H. K. Beck, Beck Lumber Co., Inc., 22085 S. Main St.; Harvey Stern, Cleveland Wrecking Co., 21332 S. Avalon Blvd.; Jack Brooks, Joslin Lumber Co., 1782 W. Carson St.; Walter Koll, W. A. Koll Planning Mill, 1463 E. 223rd St.; and J. Phillips, Douglas Horlander, T. Ward, and F. Dunham, Paramount Builders Supply Corp., 3401 Torrance Blvd.

Food Facts Film Slated

Looking at food from a child's point of view will be demonstrated in the film "Food as Children See It" to be shown at the expectant mothers' class in the Torrance Health Center, 2300 Carson St., today at 1 p.m., according to Dr. B. H. Kogan, District Health Officer.

The film features an ideal meal for preschool children, common child-feeding problems and suggested solutions, and menu planning and food preparation for health and efficiency using the Basic Seven food groups.

The classes meet every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and prospective parents are invited to attend. There is no fee for this tax-supported service of the County Health Department.

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their favor, or at intersections where no signal control existed. Motorists must yield the right of way in either instance.

"Elderly pedestrians always merit extra consideration and respect. Frequently they fall to see impending danger or are unable to dodge it," he explained.

Last year 266 of the state's 706 pedestrian fatalities, or 37 per cent, were age 65 or over. "Odds against the pedestrian winning a brush with a motor vehicle are insurmountable and the motorist must slow down or stop when necessary to avoid a collision," the Commissioner reminded.

El Nido Group Plans Rummage Sale Next Week

Plans for a big rummage sale to meet the ever increasing demand for funds to finance its many activities were announced yesterday by President George G. Morehart of the El Nido Civic Association. Next Monday and Tuesday, April 18 and 19, were named as the dates for the event.

The big sale will be held in the storeroom at 15713 Hawthorne Ave. in Lawndale, just north of Manhattan Beach Blvd. First vice president Mrs. A. B. Cowie, heads the committee in charge. Serving along with her will be Mrs. Ed Kelley, past president Gladys Ferguson, Mrs. George G. Morehart, Mrs. H. A. Coffey, and Mrs. Josephine A. Risdon. Those wishing to donate articles for the sale can reach Mrs. Cowie at FRontier 4-6627.

At next Monday night's meeting of the Civic Association, to be held in the El Nido School, president Morehart is expected to present plans for a big celebration to be held in El Nido Park marking the completion of the extension of Hawthorne Ave. which is now under construction. All surrounding towns including Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Torrance, and Redondo Beach will be invited to participate.

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Easter Parade Winners Listed

Lonnie Patterson and Karen Sue Holder were crowned Prince and Princess of Spring for the City of Torrance at the Children's Easter Fashion Parade held Easter Sunday in Torrance Park, the Torrance Recreation Department announced yesterday. The event, which is an annual affair sponsored by the Recreation Department, attracted 42 entrants all dressed in their spring finery.

"The contest this year was limited to boys and girls between the ages of 4 to 7 years, and the very latest in styles for youngsters this Easter season were on display, many proud mothers watched while their children paraded in dresses, shirts, suits, and other accessories that they had made. More than 400 adults and youngsters were on hand to witness the show which started off with the puppet show, "The Easter Story," as presented by the McMaster Park Playcrafters.

Other events and the winners of those events that day were: The Most Colorful Outfit: First, Terry Susan Loyde, 418 W. 233rd Street; second, Robin Elaine Lacy, 18808 Corrier; third, Marilyn Sanders 1831 242nd Place.

The Best Matched Outfit: First, Debra and Sandra Hampton, 3433 22th Place; second, Faye and Phyllis Ann Murash, 24855 Winlock Drive; third, Debra and Constance Dallaire, 11912 E. 167th St., Artesia.

The Best Dressed Boy: First, Lonnie Patterson, 1645 Hickory; second, Lynn Bridges, 24816 President St.; third, Darryl Gene Evans, 852 Cedar Ave.

The Best Dressed Girl: First, Deanna Lynn Holder, 24827 Winlock Drive; second, Charlotte Vogt, 1645 Hickory Ave.; third, Marsha Adrienne Hames, 223 North Lucia, Redondo Beach.

Prince of Spring: Lonnie Patterson, 1645 Hickory Ave.

Princess of Spring: Karen Sue Holder, 24827 Winlock Dr. Ex-mayor Nickolas Drale crowned Lonnie and Karen the Prince and Princess and they ruled over the awardings of the other prizes from their throne by the judges stand. The judges for the events that day were Mrs. Carl Lippincott, Mrs. Herma Tillim, Mrs. Jeanne Kaslen, Dr. Joseph Bay, and Councilman Drale. Each judge gave awards of trophies and Easter baskets to the children amid loud applause and cheering from the parents and friends of the boys and girls who won.

Henry Van Bellehem, recreation director, said that this year there were fewer children than last year, when over 600 children took part. This was because the contest this year was restricted to a smaller age group. He announced that a baby show and contest will be held for the children four years of age and under during the summer program this year. Next year, if a suitable location can be found to handle the large crowd, the Easter Fashion Parade will include all the age groups as it did in 1954. But, there was not enough room anywhere in Torrance to accommodate the hundreds of entrants that would have turned out this year if all age groups had been included, he said.

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DR. PULLIAS TO DELIVER 4 LECTURES

Dr. E. V. Pullias, dean of education at Pepperdine and member of the Los Angeles County Board of Education, will deliver a series of four lectures on problems of adults and parents, starting Monday at Seaside School Auditorium.

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James Rathbun Joins Army Depot in Japan

Army Pvt. James D. Rathbun, son of Mrs. Rene Dean, 1443 Post Ave., recently arrived in Yokohama and is now a member of the Engineer Depot.

Private Rathbun, a clerk-tylist with Detachment C of the 8056th Army Unit, entered the Army in February 1954 and completed basic training at Fort Ord. He is a graduate of Torrance High school.